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FLRA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL ATTORNEYS IN THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Brent S. Hudspeth as Regional Attorney of the Atlanta Regional Office and William D. Kirsner as Regional Attorney of the Boston Regional Office. In their new positions, Mr. Hudspeth and Mr. Kirsner will be responsible for assisting the Regional Directors in Atlanta and Boston in investigating and processing unfair labor practice charges and representation petitions, for managing the litigation of unfair labor practice cases, and for supervising the professional staff in their respective regions.

Mr. Hudspeth has been an attorney in the Atlanta Regional Office of the FLRA since 1991. In 2001 he was promoted to Senior Attorney. He has served as Acting Regional Director, Acting Regional Attorney, and Acting Regional Litigation Specialist in the Atlanta Region on several occasions. Over the course of his career with the FLRA, he litigated several important cases which have established significant precedents under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute (Statute). Before coming to the FLRA, Mr. Hudspeth was in private practice with King and Ballow in Nashville, Tennessee from 1989 to 1991. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Science in Journalism, and a Masters Degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1989.

Mr. Kirsner has been an attorney and Dispute Resolution Specialist in the Dallas Regional Office since 1995. He served as Acting Regional Attorney in the Dallas Region from July to October, 2010. In addition to investigating and litigating hundreds of unfair labor practice and representation cases, he has been actively involved in OGC nationwide training initiatives, and has taken a lead role in training Federal management and union representatives in the Dallas Region. Mr. Kirsner earned a Bachelor's Degree with High Honors in History from Wesleyan University, and a law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He will be assuming his duties as Regional Attorney in the Boston Region in early August.

The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 2.1 million non-Postal Federal employees worldwide. Approximately 1.2 million of these employees are represented in 2,200 bargaining units. The FLRA provides leadership by establishing policies and guidance related to Federal sector labor-management relations and by resolving disputes under, and ensuring compliance with, the Statute. The OGC is the FLRA's independent investigative and prosecutorial component. The OGC's seven regional offices investigate, settle, and prosecute unfair labor practice charges, resolve representation disputes including the conduct of secret ballot elections, and provide training to Federal sector parties on improving their labor-management relations.